

State Council for Persons with Disabilities

Council No.

For administrative purposes, this Council is placed within the Department of Safety & Homeland Security

Created by: Title 29, Chapter 82, §8210 of the Delaware Code		Director: State Council for Disabilities		Chair:	Nick Fina IAD-8	
The Council shall determine its meeting schedule, but there shall not be less than 4 meetings each calendar year, open to the public, held in an accessible place and with reasonable accommodations as requested.				Vice-Chair	Todd Webb	
(f) Any member who misses either 3 consecutive meetings or 4 out of any 12 consecutive meetings shall be presumed to have resigned from the Council.					Total Members:	40
e. Any vacancy of a representative position under paragraphs (d)(1)-(5) of this section shall be filled by the respective council, committee, agency or organization within 1 month.		Title 29, Chapter 82, §8210(j) "A simple majority of the total membership shall constitute a quorum which shall be necessary to vote on any issue:			Quorum:	21
Membership as per Title 29, Chapter 82, §8210(d)	Current Member by virtue of position	Appointed Designee if applicable.	Date Appointed, Joined or Reappointed	Date Resigned	Additional Information & Comments	
(1) The Secretary of Health and Social Services, or a designee of the Secretary	Dr. Kara Odom Walker	Susan Campbell DHSS/DMS			Social Services Senior Administrator	
(2) The Secretary of Labor, or a designee of the Secretary	Patrice Gilliam-Johnson	Jocelyn Langrehr, Deputy Director DVR				
(3) The Secretary of Education, or a designee of the Secretary;	Dr. Susan Bunting	Dale Matusevich Exceptional Children & Early Childhood Education			Education Associate, Transition Services	

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(4) The Secretary of Services to Children, Youth and Their Families, or a designee of the Secretary;	Josette Manning	Meredith Tavani Family Services Support Supervisor			
(5) The following councils, committees, agencies and organizations shall elect <u>1 of their members</u> to serve as a member of the Council:					
a. The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens;	Wendy Strauss	N/A			FM-4
b. Developmental Disabilities Council;	Pat Maichle	N/A			FM-1
c. Governor's Committee on Employment of Persons with Disabilities;	VACANT	N/A			
d. Advisory Council to the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services;	Leslie Hailey	N/A			
e. Advisory Council to the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (0010);	Elizabeth Romero Director, DSAMH	N/A			

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f. Architectural Accessibility Board;	Jennifer Lieber	N/A			
g. Delaware Transit Corporation;	Bonnie Hitch Director	N/A			
h. Council on Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities;	Robert Overmiller	N/A			IAD- 10
i. Advisory Council on Public Health [REPEALED];					
j. Council on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Equality; (INACTIVE)	Loretta Sarro DVR/ODHH	N/A			IAD-7
k. Criminal Justice Council;	Christian Kervick	N/A			
l. State Rehabilitation Advisory Council; and	VACANT	N/A			15 Legislatively Mandated Members
m. Other councils, committees, agencies and organizations as approved by both the State Council for Persons with Disabilities and the affected council, committee, agency or organization;					

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m-1. Delaware Community Legal Aid Society (CLASI) / Disabilities Law Program	Lisa Furber				
m-2. DelDOT Civil Rights Section	Todd Webb	N/A			
m-3. Hearing Loss Association of America	Linda S. Heller	N/A			IAD-6
m-4. Exceptional Family Member Program-Family Support (EFMP-FS) DAFB	Sonya Dyer	N/A			
m-5. United Cerebral Palsy of Delaware	Monica Edgar	N/A			
m-6. OMB/Division of Facilities Management	Jennifer Lieber AAB Administrator	N/A			
m-7. National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Delaware Chapter	Laura Bennett	N/A			
m-8. DHSS/Division of Public Health	Karen McGloughlin Social Services Administrator	N/A			
m-9 Easterseals Delaware Organization	Gene Aucott	N/A			
m-10. Independent Resources Organization	Despina Wilson	N/A			

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m-11. GACAAPD	VACANT	N/A			
m-12.Embrace	Abby Stewart	N/A			
m-13. JEVS	Anthony Carter	N/A			
m-14. DHSS/DVI	Deborah L. Bradl	N/A			
m-15. DE Family Voices	Ann Phillips	N/A			FM-2
m-16 Freedom Center for Independent Living (FCIL)	Lauren Reynolds				16 Council Appointed Members
(6) Individuals appointed by Council to ensure that at least 50% of the total membership are individuals with disabilities (IAD) or family members (FM) with disabilities. At least 33% of the total membership shall be composed of individuals with disabilities.					Need 21 members who are individuals with disabilities and 14 members who are family members of persons with disabilities to adhere to Delaware Code.
IAD-1. Individual with disabilities - Deaf & Hard of Hearing	Jamie Wolfe	N/A			50%
IAD-2 Individual with disabilities - Blind/Visually Impaired	Lloyd Schmitz Council on the Blind	N/A			50%
IAD-3 Individual with disabilities -	Daniese McMullen-Powell	N/A			50%
IAD-4 Individual with disabilities -	William B. Payne	N/A			50%

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IAD-5 Individual with disabilities -	Jim Steele/ National Federation of the Blind-DE	N/A			50%
IAD-6 Individual with disabilities -	m-3 - Linda S. Heller	N/A			50%
IAD-7 Individual with disabilities -	d(5)j - Lorretta Sarro	N/A			50%
IAD-8 Individual with disabilities -	Nick Fina	N/A			50%
IAD-9 Individual with disabilities -	Jim Miller Polio Survivors' Support Group	N/A			50%
IAD-10 Individual with disabilities -	d(5)h - Robert Overmiller	N/A			50%
IAD-11 Individual with disabilities -	VACANT	N/A			50%
IAD-12 Individual with disabilities -	VACANT	N/A			50%
IAD-13 Individual with disabilities -	VACANT	N/A			50%
IAD-14 Individual with disabilities -	VACANT	N/A			50%
IAD-15 Individual with disabilities -	VACANT	N/A			50%
IAD-16 Individual with disabilities -	VACANT	N/A			50%
IAD-17 Individual with disabilities -	VACANT	N/A			50%
IAD-18 Individual with disabilities -	VACANT	N/A			50%
IAD-19 Individual with disabilities -	VACANT	N/A			50%

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IAD-20 Individual with disabilities -	VACANT	N/A			50%
FM-1 Family Members of Individuals with disabilities -	d(5)b. Pat Maichle DDC	N/A			33%
FM-2 Family Members of Individuals with disabilities -	m-16 - Ann Phillips Family Voices	N/A			33%
FM-3 Family Members of Individuals with disabilities -	Terri Hancharick EPIC	N/A			33%
FM-4 Family Members of Individuals with disabilities -	d(5)a. Wendy Strauss GACEC	N/A			33%
FM-5 Family Members of Individuals with disabilities -	Debbie Dunlap	N/A			33%
FM-6 Family Members of Individuals with disabilities -	VACANT	N/A			33%
FM-7 Family Members of Individuals with disabilities -	VACANT	N/A			33%
FM-8 Family Members of Individuals with disabilities -	VACANT	N/A			33%
FM-9 Family Members of Individuals with disabilities -	VACANT	N/A			33%
FM-10 Family Members of Individuals with disabilities -	VACANT	N/A			33%

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FM-11 Family Members of Individuals with disabilities	VACANT	N/A			33%
FM-12 Family Members of Individuals with disabilities	VACANT	N/A			33%
FM-13 Family Members of Individuals with disabilities	VACANT	N/A			33%

(e) **Any vacancy** of a representative position under paragraphs (d)(1)-(5) of this section **shall be filled** by the respective council, committee, agency or organization **within 1 month**. (f) **Any member** who misses either 3 consecutive meetings or 4 out of any 12 consecutive meetings shall be presumed to have resigned from the Council. (g) **Members of the Council** shall serve without compensation, except that they may be reimbursed by the Department of Safety and Homeland Security for reasonable and necessary expenses incident to their duties as members of the Council to the extent funds are available therefore and in accordance with state law. (h) **The Council shall elect** its own Chairperson. (i) **The Council shall determine** its meeting schedule, but **there shall not be less than 4 meetings each calendar year**, open to the public, held in an accessible place and with reasonable accommodations as requested. (j) **A simple majority** of the **total membership** shall constitute a quorum which shall be necessary to vote on any issue. (k) **As used in this section**, "persons with disabilities" means any person who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits 1 or more major life activities, has a record of such impairment. (l) **For purposes of this section**, the operations and activities of the Division for the Visually Impaired and the Governor's Advisory Council on the Blind shall be exempt from the purview of the State Council for Persons with Disabilities.

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<p>Purpose: Title 29, Chapter 82, §8210(b) This Council shall have the following duties and responsibilities: (1) Promote coordination among all state programs, services and plans established for or related to persons with disabilities. (2) Review, on a continuing basis, all state policies, plans, programs and activities concerning persons with disabilities which are conducted or assisted, in whole or part, by state departments, agencies or funds in order to determine whether such policies, programs, plans and activities effectively meet the needs of persons with disabilities. (3) Make recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly and all state departments and agencies respecting ways to improve the administration of services for persons with disabilities and for facilitating the implementation of new or expanded programs. (4) Provide the Governor, the General Assembly, all interested agencies and the general public with review and comment on all state legislative proposals affecting people with disabilities. (5) Provide policymakers and the general public with analyses and recommendations on federal and local governmental legislation, regulations and policies affecting state programs and persons with disabilities. (6) Propose and promote legislation, regulations and policies to improve the well-being of persons with disabilities. (7) Serve as a central state clearinghouse for information and data regarding: a. The current numbers of persons with disabilities and their needs; b. The location, provision and availability of services and programs for persons with disabilities; c. Any other relevant information and data about persons with disabilities which the council deems appropriate. (8) Prepare and submit to the Governor and the General Assembly an annual report of the activities of the Council and the status of services and programs for persons with disabilities. (9) Serve as advisory council for the Community-Based Attendant Services program established by Chapter 94 of Title 16. (10) Serve as the primary brain injury council for the State. In furtherance of this role, the Council shall: a. Fulfill the duties and responsibilities set forth in paragraphs (b)(1) through (8) of this section with respect to persons with brain injuries; b. Maintain a standing brain injury committee to facilitate prevention and centralized interdisciplinary planning, assessment and an improved service delivery system for individuals with brain injury . . . (11) Serve as administrative agency for the Employment First Oversight Commission as established in § 745 of Title 19.</p>					